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Peters Point Fuel Mitigation Efforts Continue

San Juan County, Utah ... The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be conducting an understory burn in the Peters Canyon vicinity. This prescribed fire is part of a maintenance effort following mechanical and hand thinning treatments to reduce the impact of wildfire to privately owned lands, increase firefighter and public safety, and reduce the invasive pinyon and juniper woodlands. The understory burn may begin as early as Friday, September 28th as weather allows, and will continue until finished. Smoke may be visible from Highway 191 and throughout the surrounding area.

The BLM started these mitigation efforts in 2004 under the direction of The National Fire Plan, the Ten-Year Comprehensive Strategy for Reducing Wildland Fire Risks to Communities, the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA) and the Healthy Forest Initiative (HFI). Peters Canyon mitigation measures have included; hand thinning with chainsaws, mechanical thinning with a brush hog and slash pile burns.

The purpose of the maintenance treatment is to reduce remnant fuels in the footprint of the original treatment through periodic prescribed fire underburns. Prescribed fire treatments may be followed by seeding of native and non-native grasses and forbs. Seeding would be accomplished with a broadcast spreader and harrow mounted behind an all-terrain vehicle (ATV).

For more information about this prescribed fires and other fuel mitigation treatments go to www.utahfireinfo.gov or call Heather O'Hanlon @ 435-259-2184.

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